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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN KOREA

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1. IN GENERAL, I HAVE NO FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SET FORTH IN REF A. I DO HAVE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS, HOWEVER, WHICH ADD ADDITIONAL SPECIFICITY TO OUR GOALS, MAKING THEM MORE POINTED AND REALISTIC IN TERMS OF THE LOCAL SITUATION.

2. IN ADDITION, I AM SUGGESTING ONE ADDITIONAL GOAL RELATING TO US INTERESTS, WHICH IS THE ESSENTIAL UMBRELLA FOR ALL OF OUR OPERATIONS IN KOREA.

3. TO SET OFF OUR SUGGESTIONS MORE CLEARLY, I HAVE BRACKETED THEM IN THE REVISED TEXT THAT FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:

I. SECURE UNITED STATES ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND MILITARY INTERESTS IN NORTHEAST ASIA THROUGH THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE,
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STABILITY, AND THE PRO-WESTERN ORIENTATION OF THE NATIONS OF THE REGION.

---INSURE THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AS AN INDEPENDENT NATION FREE OF COMMUNIST DOMINATION AND CAPABLE OF DEFENDING ITSELF WITHIN US MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

---DEMONSTRATE US INTEREST IN AND COMMITMENT TO NORTHEAST ASIA THROUGH THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF SELECTED MILITARY FORCES. /

II. MAINTENANCE OF US-ROK SECURITY RELATIONSHIP CHARACTERIZED BY INCREASED KOREAN CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE CAPABILITY / AND DECREASING US GROUND COMBAT CAPABILITY. /

---EMPHASIZE THE CONTINUING US SECURITY COMMITMENT TO ENSURE ADEQUATE DETERRENCE AGAINST POSSIBLE AGGRESSION, AND ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ROK DEFENSE CAPABILITIES INCLUDING DEFENSE INDUSTRIES.

---MONITOR AND EVALUATE NORTH KOREAN AGGRESSIVE CAPABILITIES AND INTENTIONS, AND THE ROK RESPONSE THERETO.

---ENCOURAGE ROK COHESION AND CONFIDENCE IN ITS OWN DEFENSE CAPABILITY AND MINIMIZE THE ADVERSE IMPACT ON KOREAN SELF-CONFIDENCE OF US GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWALS BY / SUPPORTING MODERNIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF ROK ARMED FORCES, AND BY / DEVELOPING / OTHER / APPROPRIATE OFFSET MEASURES / INCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN A COMBINED COMMAND STRUCTURE AND IN JOINT MILITARY EXERCISES, / AND THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF A MISSION-WIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PLAN.

III. PROGRESS TOWARD STABILITY IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA
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AND IMPROVED STANDING OF THE ROK IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY.

---ENCOURAGE THE ROKG TO PRESS FOR RESUMED NORTH-SOUTH KOREAN DISCUSSIONS, TO EXPAND ITS CONTACTS IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY, AND TO SEEK IN LEGITIMATE WAYS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IN THAT COMMUNITY, WHILE SHOWING SUFFICIENT RESTRAINT IN ORDER TO AVOID A FRUITLESS DEBATE IN THE UN.

---BE ALERT TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR REDUCING NORTH-SOUTH TENSIONS AND PROMOTING STABILITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

---SUPPORT THE EVENTUAL ENTRY OF SOUTH KOREA INTO THE UNITED NATIONS IN A MANNER WHICH DOES NOT PREJUDICE US INTERESTS.

IV. ENHANCEMENT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ENVIRONMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

---SEEK WAYS, PARTICULARLY THROUGH CULTURAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS, TO EXPLAIN US ATTITUDES ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND INCREASE UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT FOR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS.

---MAINTAIN PRIVATE BUT FIRM PRESSURE ON THE ROKG FOR
POSITIVE ACTION IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY
REGARDING THE RELEASE OF REMAINING POLITICAL PRISONERS.

---MAINTAIN APPROPRIATELY WIDE CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF
OPPOSITION GROUPS AND CHURCH LEADERS.

/ ---BROADEN UNDERSTANDING OF FUNDAMENTAL AMERICAN VALUES
WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE AMERICAN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL
SYSTEMS. /

/ ---SUPPORT THOSE SEGMENTS OF THE KOREAN SOCIETY WHICH WILL
PROMOTE A MORE PLURALISTIC POLITICAL STRUCTURE. /

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V. RESOLUTION OF BILATERAL POLITICAL ISSUES AND
INCREASED COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL AND
CULTURAL FIELDS.

--- PROMOTE SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US AND THE ROK.

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---ENCOURAGE / CONTINUED / COOPERATION BY THE ROKG WITH
PROPERLY CONSTITUTED INVESTIGATIONS IN THE US
REGARDING ACTIVITIES OF AGENTS OR ALLEGED AGENTS OF
THE ROK.

---MOVE TOWARD A MORE NORMAL AND LESS CONSPICUOUS
US PRESENCE IN THE ROK (REFLECTING THE PHASE-OUT OF
FORMERLY LARGE AID AND OTHER PROGRAMS).

IV. PROGRESS TOWARD REDUCTION OF BILATERAL TRADE / AND
INVESTMENT / PROBLEMS.

---MONITOR THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF THE KOREAN ECONOMY,
PARTICULARLY ITS ABILITY TO BEAR THE DEFENSE BURDEN.

---ENCOURAGE KOREAN IMPORT LIBERALIZATION AS IN THE
KOREAN, US AND WORLD TRADING COMMUNITIES' INTEREST.

---PROMOTE GREATER ROK UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM
FOR OUR TRADE RELATIONS CREATED BY SUDDEN AND MARKED
INCREASES IN ROK EXPORTS TO THE US OF CERTAIN TYPES

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OF COMMODITIES.

/---PROMOTE US EXPORTS AND FACILITATE FLOWS OF LOAN
AND INVESTMENT FUNDS AND THE TRANSFER OF COMMERCIAL TECHNOLOGY
TO KOREA. /

/---FACILITATE THE RESOLUTION OF ECONOMIC AND COM-
MERCIAL DISPUTES. /
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